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TO BE ORGANIZED
THIS AFTERNOONGUN CLUB WILL COME INTO
LIFE TO ARRANGE FOR
SPRING AND SUMMER
TOURNAMENTS

ALL ARE INVITED

Big Shoot At Magowah Tomor-
row Afternoon—Meeting At
Trask's Garage At Three
O'Clock Today.

An important meeting of the sportsmen of Columbus and locality is called for this afternoon at three o'clock at Trask's Garage on College Street.

The purpose of the meeting is to organize a Gun Club for Columbus and vicinity, and back of the whole movement is an ambitious program on the part of the sports of this county to engage in tournaments throughout the summer—local, state and national.

The movement is sponsored by a number of gentlemen here, and it is being cordially supported by the membership of the Magowah Gun Club, who see in the organization here a pleasant rivalry in trap contests and the opportunity to alternate in shooting here and at Bethel Church, where their traps are located. The local club will organize this afternoon, elect officers and appoint committees to order equipment and arrange grounds, the site across the river just to the left of the bridge being favored on account of its convenience and accessibility. All who are interested in the organization of the club are invited to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Trask's Garage. In this connection it is announced that the Mignolia Gun Club will have a shoot tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon, and all are invited to attend.

Back of the establishment of the gun clubs in this county is the plan to hold a great three-day tournament here this summer, at which representatives from all over America will be present and will participate.

WORK OF A. AND M.
COLLEGE ENDORSED

Agricultural College, Miss., February 23.—Strong resolutions endorsing the work of the A. and M. College and approving the present location of the institution, as well as expressing appreciation to the people of the college and community for the hospitality manifested, were adopted without a dissenting voice by the joint legislative committee on finance and on universities and colleges during their visit here.

The resolutions, as read by Representative Trammell, of Kemper County, are as follows:

Be It Resolved, By the members of the Legislature of the number who, by special invitation, visited Starkville and the A. and M. College, that we return our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the president, the faculty, the student body, and all auxiliaries of the institution, and to the good people of Starkville and Oktobeha County for their personal kindness, hospitality, and most bountiful entertainment while we have been in the city and at the A. and M. College;

That we will long remember their fullest efforts for our pleasure and entertainment while in their midst;

That we have, with one accord, a full determination to make a greater A. and M. College, with all necessary equipment; and that she shall stand on the same ground for the next century.

MASONIC GRAND BODIES

Governor J. T. Harrison, Messrs. T. B. Franklin, R. A. Carson, W. H. Carter, and W. I. Nicks left on Sunday for Vicksburg to attend a meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter, held in that city, beginning on Monday and continuing through Thursday.

There is much speculation over the state as to who will be elected secretary at this session of the Grand Lodge to succeed Mr. Frederick G. Speed, whose death occurred several months ago, the office being held temporarily by Mr. O. N. McKay, of Meridian.

Mr. W. H. Brooks, traveling representative of the Peters Shoe Company, left Sunday for St. Louis on a business trip.

LIGHTS OF OIL
FIELDS TO SHINEBeacon Of The Search For Gold-
en Fluid Soon To Flash Out
Across The Prairies
Of Lowndes.

Tennyson's "I Stood On The Bridge At Midnight" scene is soon to be rivaled in Lowndes. "Not only in the splendor of the big round moon rising over the city behind the dark church tower in the quiet of balmy midnight breezes, but with an added attraction. Standing on Tombigbee bridge at midnight, Mr. Moon is going to be completely backed off the boards by this other nocturnal brilliance. It is to be seen in the dim distance, and will represent possibilities and probabilities of dreams and visions; possibilities of unbounded prosperity for the prairie section of Mississippi, and dreams of individual wealth to the person who may happen to have a bit of stock in the local oil and gas company.

You see, it is this way: The electric light plant to be used at the big derrick has arrived. They are installing it now, and among the lights being put up is one of high power that will be placed at the topmost peak of the eighty-foot derrick. This light, seventeen miles to the southwest from Columbus, will be clearly seen twinkling in the distance by a person standing on Tombigbee bridge—at midnight, or any other time of night.

In standing on that bridge, should one get poetic and try to paraphrase Mr. Tennyson's well known verses, it might go something like this:

I stood on the bridge at midnight,
As the light blinked over the prairie;
A thought caused a catch at my purse-strings—
"Oh, if they only strike oil!"

But the light will be up within a few days, and those interested will have an opportunity to go to the foot of the west end of Main street, climb up on Tombigbee bridge, gaze and ponder.

It also might be well to mention at this time that actual operations will begin soon. Drillers, whose services were contracted for some time ago have wired that they will be here on March 1st and start to work. All material for the work is either on the ground or in transit. They'll soon be off.

MR. HOOVER SPEAKS

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23.—Herbert C. Hoover, former food administrator declared in an address today at the Johns Hopkins University his opposition to making ratification of the treaty with Germany an issue in the presidential campaign. He insisted the injection of the arguments for and against reservations would "obscure our pressing domestic issues by conflict over a question in which the country already has made up its mind," and added "it is my impression that there is no party credit in this position."

Hope for immediate ratification of the treaty rested, he said, in the acceptance by the "lesser reservationists" of the proposals of the "mild reservationists." The two combined, he said, could secure ratification. "It also appears to us," he continued, "that even from the point of view of the 'lesser reservationists' they will have secured all the major functions and living value in the world. No one can doubt that any necessary changes will be granted to it by common consent as the years go by. For my part if the League of Nations cannot prove its value under the latest proposals of the 'mild reservationists,' it will never prove them under the proposals of the 'lesser reservationists.'"

HORACE S. GENTSCH

The friends of Mr. Carl S. Gentsch, of this city, will regret to learn of the death of his brother, Mr. Horace S. Gentsch, in Philadelphia, Pa., last week. Mr. Gentsch attended the funeral. The Philadelphia Bulletin contained the following obituary:

"The funeral service for Horace Stokes Gentsch, an engineer of the Bell Telephone Company, who died on Friday of influenza, will be held tomorrow at his home, No. 3140 North Broad Street. His age was thirty years. Four months ago he was married to Miss Vera Lyle. Mr. Gentsch was born in this city, and was graduated from the Mississippi A. and M. College. He was a member of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Philadelphia Telephone Society, and Rising Star Lodge, No. 126, Free and Accepted Masons.

Shooting Scrape
Sunday Afternoon

A shooting affair occurred Sunday afternoon over in what is known as Burns Bottom, about Third Street and Third Ave. N., in which George Barry, a negro, received a bullet wound in the right thigh, the leaden missile having been fired by Roland Stillman, another negro.

The incident occurred at 3 o'clock, when Barry went to Stillman's house, all loaded up with a big pistol, and re-opened some old family trouble. Stillman, however, playing safe, at the first sign of business-like hostilities, drew his gun before his antagonist had an opportunity to do likewise, and sent a bullet into Barry's right thigh, it ranging around just under the skin to the front of the abdomen. Action immediately ceased, and in a short time Constables Foreman and Sisson arrived on the scene and placed the batters under arrest.

Barry's wound is not considered serious, and the case will be tried in Justice Reeves' Court as soon as he is able to be out.

ODD FELLOWS BOOMING

At the last regular meeting of Union Lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held on Monday night, the initiation fee was increased from \$25 to \$50, and six applications for membership in the lodge were received on the new rate basis. The degree team will meet on Thursday night to rehearse, and soon the degree work for the new candidates will be under full swing. The attendance of all members at the degree team rehearsal on Thursday night is urged.

DEATH OF E. M. CHAPMAN

The death of Mr. Edward M. Chapman, of Mayhew, occurred yesterday morning at 4 o'clock in the McKinley Sanitarium, after the sufferer had hovered between life and death for a week in that institution.

His death was caused from a complication of troubles. He was brought to the local hospital on Tuesday, Feb. 17th, in an extremely critical condition, and his death had been expected at any time.

Mr. Chapman was a good man and influential citizen; one of the most prominent men in the Mayhew community. He was well known in Columbus, and had many friends here. For many years he was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and did much to forward religious work. His mother, Mrs. M. W. Chapman and daughter, Miss Katherine Chapman, who lived with him at Mayhew and one brother, Mr. Felix Chapman survive him.

Funeral services will be held this morning at nine o'clock at the residence in this city of Mr. Felix Chapman, No. 1001 Tenth Avenue North after which the remains will be carried to Starkville for interment by the side of his wife, who preceded him to the spirit world several years ago. The Rev. J. H. Felts will conduct the religious services.

ASHCRAFT - HANNAH

There was a pretty wedding at the Court House on Wednesday, when Miss Effie Hannah, of Caledonia, and Mr. George N. Ashcraft, of Reform, Ala., were united in marriage by Justice C. M. Reeves. The groom is a prosperous young business man of Reform, and the bride is a lovely and charming young lady of the Caledonia community. A number of close friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

ODD FELLOWS' MEETING

There was a meeting of Union Lodge, No. 35, on Monday night, and some business was transacted, but more important business is on hand for the meeting on Thursday night, February 26th. The following members are requested to be present:

G. D. Wood, J. B. Love, J. R. Gordon, R. O. Brooks, E. E. Chappell, C. L. Lincoln, A. A. Brest, J. S. Cook, J. A. Loeb, J. S. Boucher, J. T. Stephenson, R. J. Gunter, H. H. Gunter, H. E. Hoffmeister, J. M. Jamison, L. W. Richardson, J. D. Burleson, J. B. Williams, W. J. Wilkerson, A. E. Love, J. H. Land, C. Neyman, B. A. Lincoln, J. I. Sturdivant, T. M. Pullen, J. T. Champney, W. Breland, J. H. Beard, H. Beard, S. G. Tonnillo, D. D. Griffin, V. B. Ines, J. J. Richards, D. L. Bailey, and J. B. Weaver, and all other brothers who can be present.

COUNCIL ADOPTS
LEASING PLANTO GOVERN RE-LEASING OF
SIXTEENTH SECTION
LANDS IN CITY OF
COLUMBUS.

COMMITTEE NAMED

Leases Will Be Renewed For
99 Years—Leases Will Be
Approved And Passed
On By Lawyers.

Decision as to procedure on the part of the city in regard to Sixteenth Section leases has at last been reached—and definitely, it is hoped. The manner is like tracing blood circulation, or something like that, but is figured the best and most logical way.

Here is the way it is to be explained by Mayor McClanahan and the finance committee, consisting of Councilmen G. Y. Banks and Joe B. Love, to which was added Councilman L. A. Vaughan. At a meeting of the council last week they were authorized to devise definite ways and means as to the procedure of re-leasing this property, and empowered to act. The city is to furnish lease blanks; lease-holders are to get them at the marshal's office and fill them out the best way they can; leases as filled out by leaseholder to be returned to marshal's office at city hall; a committee of abstract lawyers employed by the city to take them and check with records; committee of abstract lawyers must approve each lease before city signs; city signs and figures amount leaseholder is to pay; leaseholder pays for a 99-year lease at rate originally leased and gets lease-deed. All this before August 1st, next, at which time it is imperative that the transaction be complete.

Lease blanks are now being printed and will be in the city marshal's office tomorrow, and holders of Sixteenth Section property are not only requested, but urged, for their own good as well as to better enable the city to complete its part of this complicated work, to get lease blanks and have them filled out at once, in order that there may be enough time to complete check and re-check all the descriptions. It is a big job, and very intricate—and, incidentally, very important. It involves the handling of nearly two thousand different lease-deeds, and in many instances goes back to 1821—99 years ago. These same records that are to be made out now are to stand for 99 years more and are renewable forever.

The abstract committee employed by the city to check, verify and approve the descriptions as set forth in these two thousand lease-deeds consists of Colonel C. L. Lincoln, chairman; B. A. Lincoln, John F. Frierson, and the firm of Sturdivant, Owen and Garnett.

After this is done, Mr. M. C. Vandiver, the city marshal and tax collector, must figure what it will cost each property holder to renew his or her Sixteenth Section lease. On account of property being divided since original lease into many parts, this also will be rather intricate. But as the amounts are all small, no great discord is expected to result if a one-to-ten-cent mistake is made.

There is, however, considerable variance in the amounts originally paid for leases. For instance, it will cost H. Hahn thirty cents to renew for ninety-nine years the lot the Hirschman store stands on; W. C. Beard will have to pay about \$7.00 for the ground where his store is, and Mayfield's drug store will, on August 1, 1920, be called upon to pay ten cents for a 99-year renewal lease for the space it occupies. The highest lease price in the city is the Ed. Childers property, which is \$40.

MRS. C. E. HODGKIN DEAD

Telegrams were received in this city on Saturday announcing the death of Mrs. C. E. Hodgkin, which sad event occurred at Winnemucco, Nevada, on Friday. Mrs. Hodgkin went west several months ago in the hope that the change of climate would restore her health. The change failed to improve her condition, however, and she gradually declined until the end came.

Her husband joined her several weeks ago, and was with her at the last. Mrs. Hodgkin was the wife of the chief clerk in the M. & O. freight office here, Mr. C. E. Hodgkin, and was well known and generally esteemed by a wide circle of friends, whose sympathy is waited to the family in their affliction.

RAILROAD BILL
PASSES SENATENOW GOES TO PRESIDENT
FOR SIGNATURE— R. R.
MEN ARE HOPING
HE WILL VETO

STRIKE CONSIDERED

Roads Go Back To Owners The
First Of March—Dividends
Guaranteed Owners—La-
bor Wants Guarantee.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—By a vote of nearly 3 to 1, the Senate tonight passed and sent to the President the modified railroad re-organization bill, under which the carriers of the country will attempt to re-adjust themselves to conditions arising with the end of Government control.

Thirty-two Republicans joined with fifteen Democrats in voting for adoption of the conference report, while three Republicans and fourteen Democrats comprised the seventeen votes against it. There was never any doubt as to what the Senate would do, in view of the wide margin by which the Cummins bill, more drastic than the compromise measure passed. The bill will go immediately to President Wilson, and the general opinion around the capitol was that he would sign it, although labor leaders will urge its veto.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Railroad labor is not satisfied with the way things are going with respect to its wage demands. This was indicated in unmistakable manner in conferences here today of union officials and general committeemen, called to pass on the President's settlement proposal. Passage of the railroad bill by the Senate tonight only served to add more bitterness to the talk of the union workers.

Arrival of scores of committee chairmen—the union leaders closest to the rank and file of their membership brought out strike talk. The higher officers were inclined to discount this evidence of the workers' feeling, but hotel lobbies, where the delegates were quartered, buzzed with the possibilities of the situation. There were indications that the union heads who have dealt with Director General Hines in the controversy, were worried lest all that has been accomplished might be wrecked. Committee chairmen spoke frankly of the sentiment in the local groups, describing it thus:

"Their temper is not such as to warrant us in being optimistic."

Union spokesmen believed that there was no way to avoid a direct appeal to the President to veto the Cummins-Esch measure. They declared it must be done to satisfy the workers who have not had a "close up" of the situation. But as to hope that the legislation might yet be kicked overboard, there was little expression. Labor's appeal to Congress having been rebuffed, some leaders were said to have assumed the attitude that the legislators were "trying to see how far they can go by nagging us."

HIGH DEFEATED

The boys of the S. D. Lee High School encountered their first defeat of the season in a basketball game on the campus here, Friday, between them and an aggregation of players from West Point High School, the score being 28 to 11. The game was hotly contested from start to finish, and not until the final gong sounded did the Columbus players concede victory to their opponents.

West Point players, positions and points: Conn, fwd., 3; Steadman, fwd., 6; Johnson, c., 5; Brogan and Vann, guards.

Columbus boys: H. Lindamood, fwd., 2; Hood, fwd., 6; Johnston, guard; Ed. Lindamood, c.; Hackleman, guard; Hancock, fwd., 3.

The West Point team showed excellent pass work, and displayed great ability in throwing in basket. The boys were heavier by about fifteen pounds than Lee High players, and the team was composed of veteran high school players.

This game eliminates the chance of the Lee High playing in a basketball game at the field meet to be held at Tupelo in April.

COMMITTEE TO FIX K. P. ANNIVERSARY
FAIR PRICES HERE OBSERVED SUNDAYGetting Line On Prices On Ne-
cessities Of Life To Lower
The Excessively High
Cost Of Living.

The Lowndes County Fair Price Committee has sent out questionnaires to all the local merchants, and these are rapidly being filled and returned to the committee. As soon as all are in, the committee will meet and, governed by the prices quoted and their ideas of what constitutes a fair selling price on various commodities, will fix and announce their findings to the public. The local committee has the power to force merchants to sell at prices fixed by them. Local merchants seem in perfect accord with the committee, and are earnestly endeavoring to co-operate with them in every way possible.

Mr. Julius S. Marx, executive secretary of the Fair Price Commissioner of Mississippi, with a special agent of the U. S. Department of Justice, left Columbus on Monday for Meridian where they will investigate some friction that has arisen there in connection with the activities of the Lauderdale County Fair Price Committee.

Mr. J. J. Lee, Fair Price Commissioner for Mississippi, leaves this week for Winona to look into matters connected with a committee appointed for Montgomery County which has thus far failed to function.

State Colleges Are
In Poor Condition

"After a thorough inspection of the colleges at Starkville and Columbus, I am more than ever convinced that the consolidation of our higher institutions of learning is absolutely necessary," said Mr. Sheldon, of Washington County, joint author of the Zeller-Sheldon bill this morning.

"The needs of our colleges are urgent. They are suffering from malnutrition, and frantically pulling at cross-purposes. For five years they have been slowly starved by the state and it is now a case of each institution for itself, regardless of the interests of others."

"The two institutions at Starkville and Columbus unquestionably have many urgent needs, if they are to function properly, but I do not believe that it will ever be possible for us to meet their needs if there is a continuing duplication of effort and overlapping of educational energy."

Unfortunately, says Mr. Sheldon the impression prevails among members of the student bodies, that the plan of consolidation would destroy the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Mississippi College for Women. Such is far from being the case. There would be no decrease whatever in their enrollment if the plan proposed in the Zeller-Sheldon bill is carried out. The high schools of Mississippi are turning out 10,000 graduates each year, a majority of whom desire college education, but only a small percentage of them can be enrolled at Starkville, Columbus and Oxford, because of lack of facilities. Some go to other states in search of an education, while others abandon their plans entirely and enter business or industrial life but poorly equipped for their work.—From The Jackson Daily News.

NEGRO WOMAN ACQUITTED

Irene Sharp, a negro woman who was brought over from Crawford last Thursday and put in jail here charged with having in her possession stolen property, was released in Justice Reeves' Court on Monday, the prosecution failing to appear.

She was brought here by Mr. Chas. Hall, a prominent planter of near Crawford, whose store had been broken into and a quantity of groceries stolen, which were found in the house occupied by the woman and her husband. The man evidently got wind of the searching party, as he left for parts unknown.

CEMENT SHIPMENT RECEIVED

Just as the weather commences to get bad again, Mr. Terry receives a shipment of cement and has again started to building pavements. The block on the east side of Market street as far south as the postoffice was finished yesterday, and the big concrete mixer and crew moved to North Market to begin operations there.

LARGE ATTENDANCE FILLS
PRINCESS THEATER AS
EXERCISES ARE HELD
—FINE PROGRAM.

STURDIVANT TALKS

Good Musical Program—Address
By General Sykes—Credit
To Fraternity Is Verdict
Of All Present.

The Knights of Pythias fifty-sixth anniversary celebration, held by Tombigbee Lodge, No. 12, at the Princess Theater on Sunday afternoon, and the splendid program arranged, was carried out with great success and enthusiasm. Fully one hundred Knights of Pythias members were present, and several hundred visitors, comfortably filling the house.

Seventy-five members of the local K. of P. Lodge assembled at the Pythian Castle Hall and marched in a body to the theater, and were joined by other members and many visitors. Hon. B. A. Lincoln, master of ceremonies, announced the purpose of the gathering and directed the proceedings of the same.

Columbus' excellent orchestra, composed of Mrs. B. K. Sessums, Messrs. Earl Burris, Joe T. Harrison, D. A. Stanley and Tony Butera, furnished music for the occasion, beginning with the Pythian Ode, which was sung by all present, followed by an invocation by the Rev. J. H. Felts.

Miss Angelique Higgins and Miss Grace Wright rendered each a delightful musical number, which were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by every person present. Miss Higgins pleased with a lovely violin solo, and Miss Wright delighted the assembly with a beautiful vocal solo, "Hear My Prayer, O Lord!" Mrs. Sessums played accompaniments to both.

General E. T. Sykes, Past Grand Chancellor of the order in Mississippi, gave some reminiscences of his connection with the great organization, beginning with the date of his joining in 1878. He rose to the highest position in the order in the state, that of Grand Chancellor. "Although this great fraternal order has no ancient history to refer to its birth being of modern times, it has taught and fostered the splendid truths of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence to the good of mankind, and there is fact," said General Sykes.

Hon. J. I. Sturdivant made a splendid address, and was listened to with interest by his audience. His subject was "Pythianism," he relating some of the achievements of the entire fraternal order, and outlining the progress of the local lodge.

The committee on arrangements is to be complimented on the splendid anniversary service, and Tombigbee Lodge, No. 12, on its excellent interest and enthusiasm in its work. Visitors who attended the birthday celebration on Sunday enjoyed an hour's rare treat.

TACKY PARTY

The local chapter, Order Eastern Star, will have a "Tacky Party" at the Masonic Temple on Thursday, February 26th. There will be an admission charge of one whole quarter of a dollar, and details in connection with the event are being earnestly worked out by the industrious Eastern Star ladies. The result is expected to be a most interesting event.

COTTON MARKET

A slight advance in the price of cotton has been noted the past few days, the present price of 39 cents per pound quoted at the close of the market yesterday being about fifty points the rise of Saturday.

STEELY - WOODS

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed at the Court House, Sunday afternoon, which united the lives of Mr. William J. Steely, of this city and Miss Stella Woods, of Meridian. Justice C. M. Reeves performed the ceremony.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilbanks deeply sympathize with them in critical illness of their little daughter, Lorraine, who is in the Columbus Hospital suffering from appendicitis.